

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.99
Historic Name:	Doane, Capt. Obadiah House
Common Name:	
Address:	1400 Nauset Rd
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	09-407
Year Constructed:	r 1780
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Cedar Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Area(s)

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Town

Eastham



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1400 Nauset Road

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Construction Late 18th C.

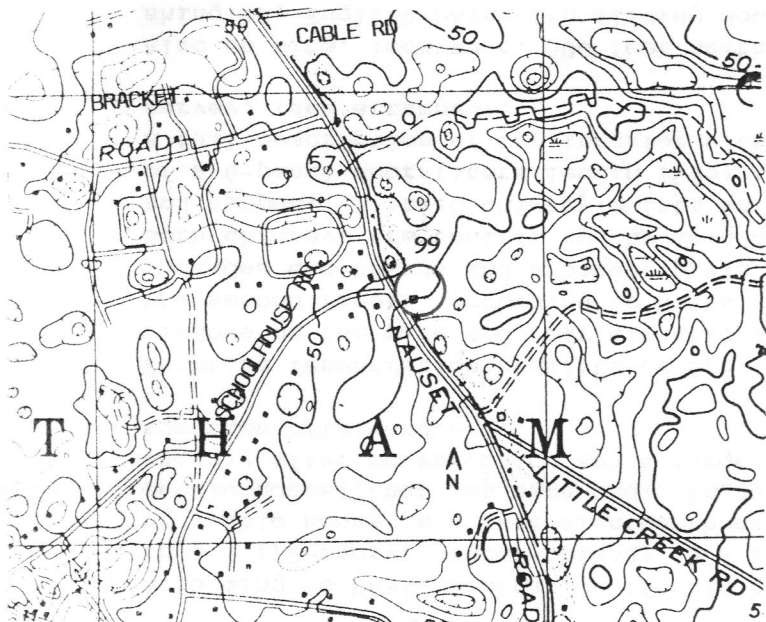
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orm Center-chimney, Full Cape Cod
House Form

ct/Builder

r Material:

here. Indicate North.



Foundation

Brick

Wall/Trim

Shingles

Roof

Cedar Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Free-standing Barn

Major Alterations (with dates)
See Architectural Description.

Condition

Good

Moved X no ___ yes Date

Acreage

3.8 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled,
rural area near the intersection of
Meetinghouse and Nauset Roads.

Recorded by: Dianne L. Siergiej
and Sanford Johnson
Organization: Commonweal Collaborative

Date: August 1995

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BUILDING FORM

1400 Nauset Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

According to HABS examination of this house by Charles S. Dotts, Architect, this 1 1/2-story, center-chimney, 5 x 2-bay, gable-roofed, full Cape Cod house or double house is a late eighteenth-century, 3 x 2 bay dwelling (half a double house) that was expanded. An addition was made to the north wall shortly after construction and a larger addition was made to the west wall sometime afterward.

Existing fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash on the facade; 6/9 windows on the side and rear elevations and paired 6/9, double-hung sash on the second floor. According to Dotts, trim is not original. Other detail includes end boards and a boxed, plain cornice with narrow eaves. Both chimneys are central to the main block and have been partially removed and capped. A third chimney exists on the west ell. The main entry consists of a 6-panel door (installed in 1945) in a simple surround of plain trim. A full description of the interior with drawings is included in the HABS survey, (see attached).

Also on site, located c. 300 feet north of the house, is a 1 1/2-story, shingled, English barn with sliding doors, end boards and an asphalt-shingled roof. HABS measured drawings of the house were completed in the Cape Cod Survey I, and are included in the Eastham Historical Society Archives file and are held at the Eastham Field Office.

A granite marker located southeast of the house reads "Birthplace of Captain Obadiah Doane Born 1767."

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Nauset Road was a local loop off King's Highway in the north of Eastham built during the Federal Period. By the end of the 1700's, a windmill was located at the west shore of Salt Pond. That mill may be the one moved to Eastham Center. On the 1831 map of Eastham, another windmill is indicated further north on the west side of Nauset Road. These structures indicate a developed agricultural presence at the southern end of Nauset Road. By 1831, a small hamlet was in place at the junction of Nauset Road and King's Highway which included at least one commercial establishment. A school was also located in the neighborhood just south of the windmill. The windmill, which had been run by Isaiah Gill and Freeman Horton, was out of operation and dismantled by 1865.

Research presented in the Historic American Buildings Survey documentation quotes then owner, Ralph Chase, in indicating this house was built prior to 1767 by Sylvanus Doane and was the birthplace of Captain Obadiah Doane who was

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 X Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

born in that year. Ralph Chase claimed his source of information to be Abelino Doane, grandson of Obadiah. HABS documentation also sites a letter dated July 12, 1960, received by John P. Shaw, Supervisor of the HABS 1960 summer project on Cape Cod, from A. E. Snow, Eastham/Orleans, "Historian, genealogist, Eastham/Orleans Affairs" which states the house was built in the 1840's by Captain Ezekiel Doane. A. E. Snow also claims to have been a friend of Abelino E. Doane (1857-1941).

HABS inspection of the property and comparison with the Harding-Lloyd House in Truro, to which it is reported quite similar according to HABS Historian, Dr. Ernest Allen Connally, led to the conclusion that the house dated to the late eighteenth century.

Several houses belonging to various members of the Doane Family are located along Nauset Road. All are descendants of Deacon John Doane (1590-1685), one of the founders of Nauset (Eastham). The site appears to be occupied on the 1831 Hales map, and is attributed to S. Doane on the 1858 Wallings Map of Eastham. Material on file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives and representations on local maps appears to conflict. Unattributed deed research in the Archives file indicates the owner in 1858 to be Jerusha Brewer-Atkins, whose descendants retained ownership into the 1940's. On the 1880 map of Eastham, the property is ascribed to J. Doane. Frank (d. 1905) and Carrie Brewer are listed in the chain of title as owners of 1400 Nauset Road in 1896. Neither, however, is listed in the Eastham directory of 1901. There were ten heirs of Frank Brewer, including his wife, Carrie. Their son, Truman, and his wife, Minnie, are listed as owners in 1926. In 1942, Ralph Chase, Carrie Brewer's son by a second marriage, became the owner. Further investigation is necessary to resolve these inconsistencies.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

1400 Nauset Road
Eastham

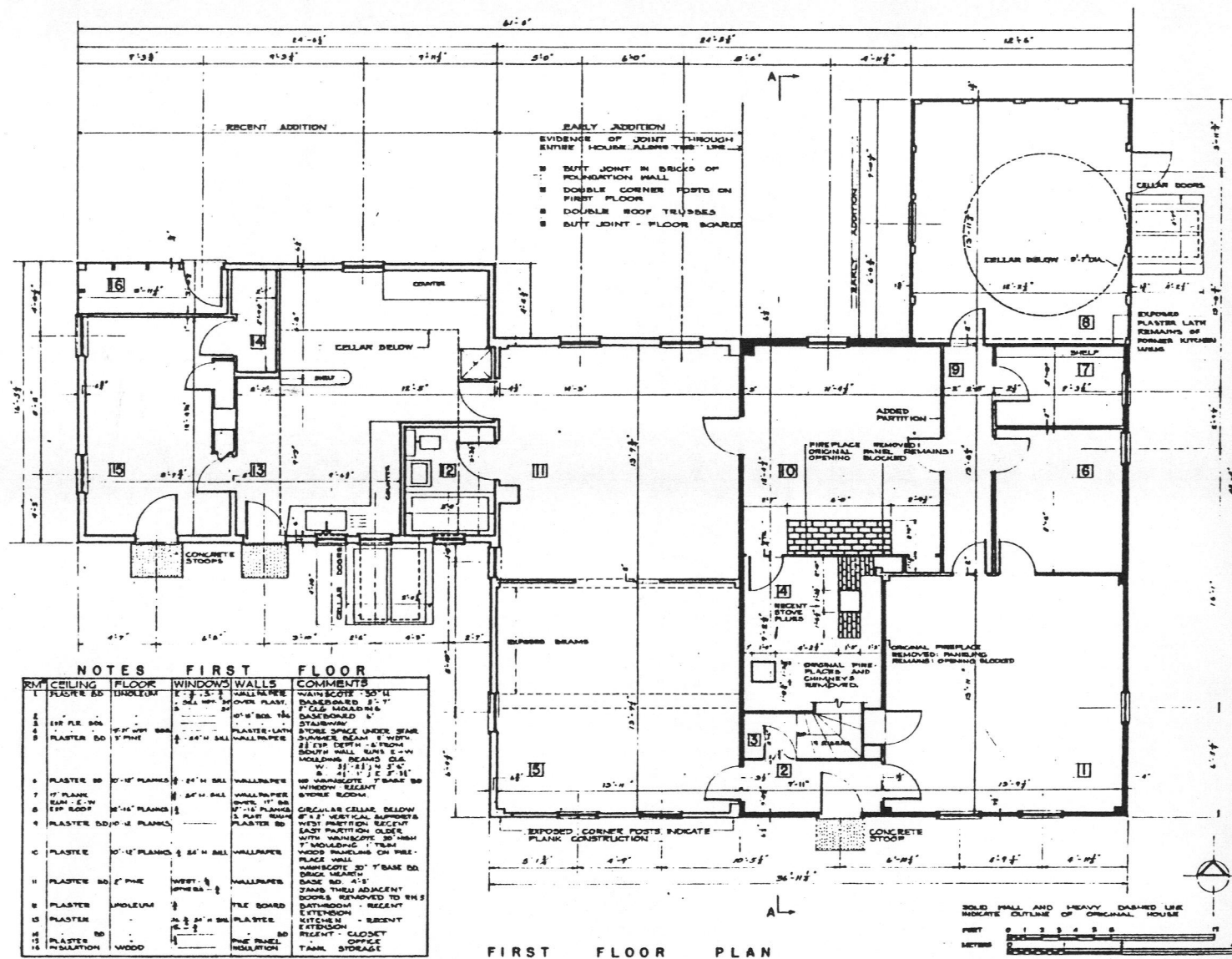
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WARREN A. DINGLEMAN, DEL.

CAPE COD SURVEY I, EASTHAM
FIELD OFFICE, 1960, FOR EODC

IN THE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR,
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, BRANCH OF PLANS AND DESIGN

CAPE COD N.S. 33-72

NAME OF STRUCTURE
SYLVANUS DOANE HOUSE

NAUSET ROAD EASTHAM (CAPE COD) MASSACHUSETTS

SURVEY NO.
MASS 712

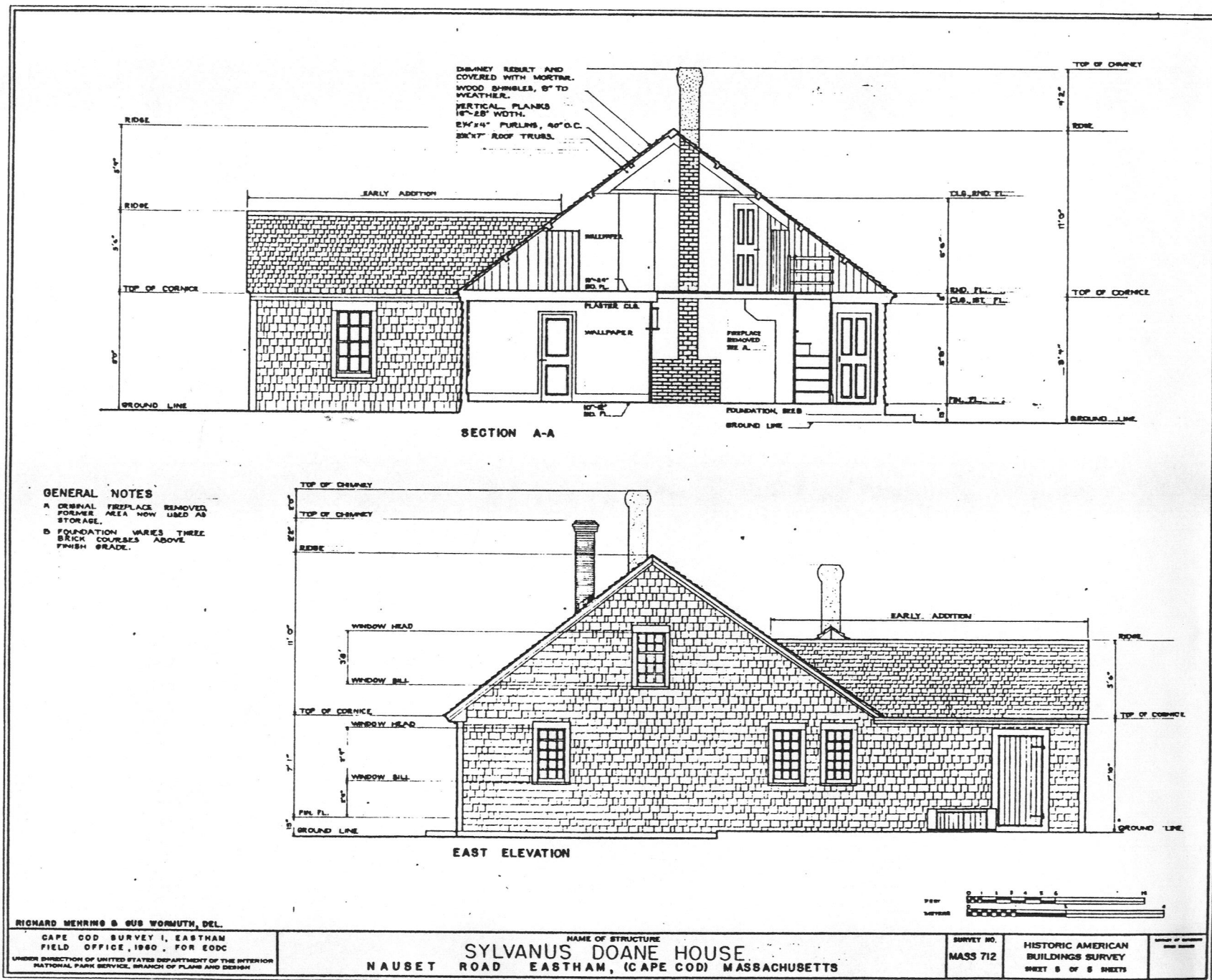
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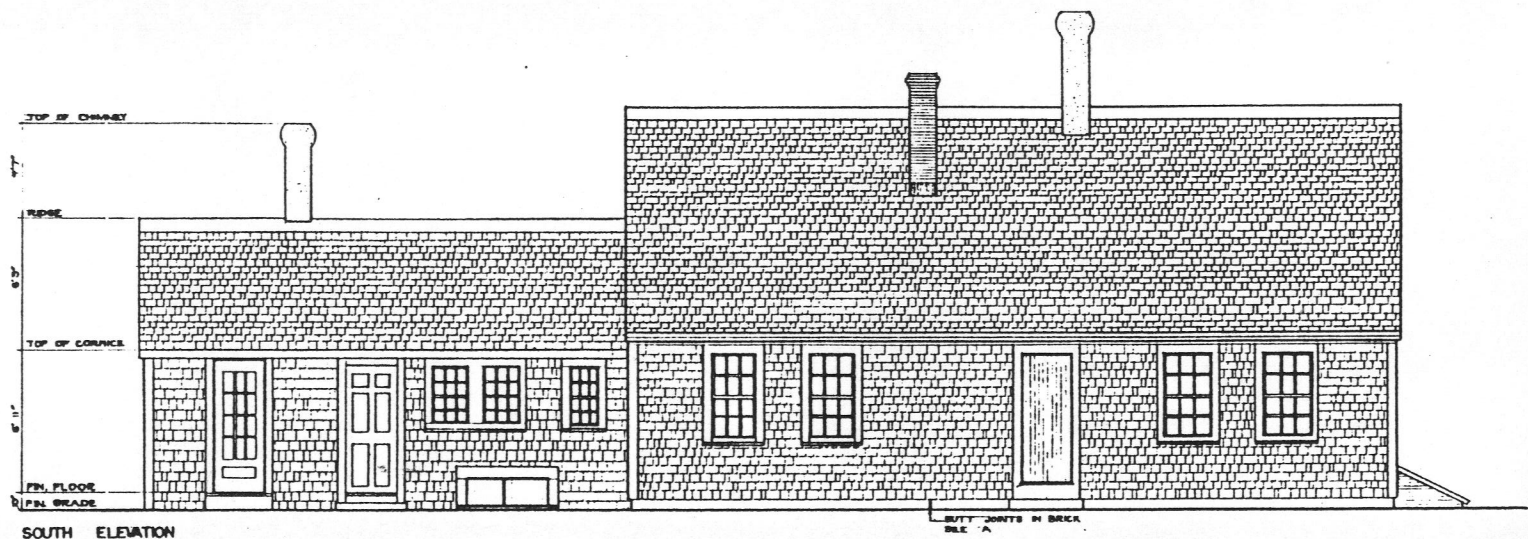


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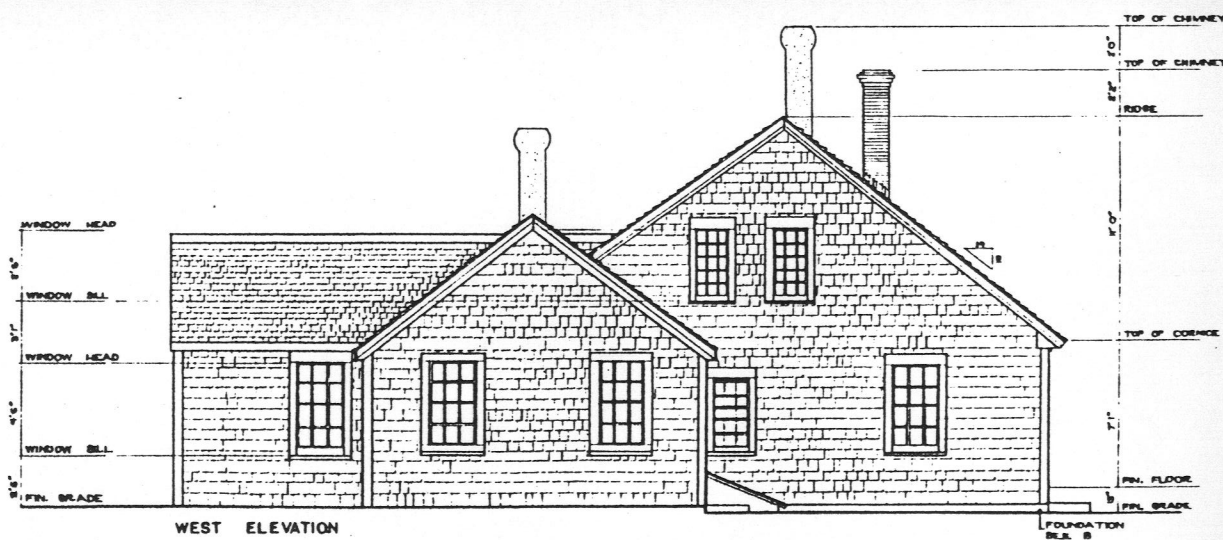


NOTES:

- A EARLY EXPANSION OF HOUSE TO "DOUBLE HOUSE" EVIDENCED BY BUTT JOINTS IN BRICK FOUNDATION. (SEE PLAN NOTED)
- B EXPOSED FOUNDATION VISIBLE THREE BRICK COURSES ABOVE FINISH GRADE.

BRICK CHIMNEY COVERED WITH MORTAR.
NO STAIRS TO CELLARS.
FRONT DOOR BOARDED UP.

SOUTH ELEVATION:
SOUTH WALL, S/S, PANES 8"X12"
OPENING 5'3" X 4'9".
CORNICHE EXTENDS 8" FROM
FACE OF WALL.
WEST ELEVATION:
S/S, PANES 7 1/2" X 9", OPENING
12' X 3'7".
WOOD ROOF SHINGLES, NEW.
WALL SHINGLES, WD. 8" X 10" WITH
8" TO WEATHER, 10" OVERLAP.
WINDOW FRAMES PROJECT 1/2" FROM
FACE OF WALL ON ALL SIDES.



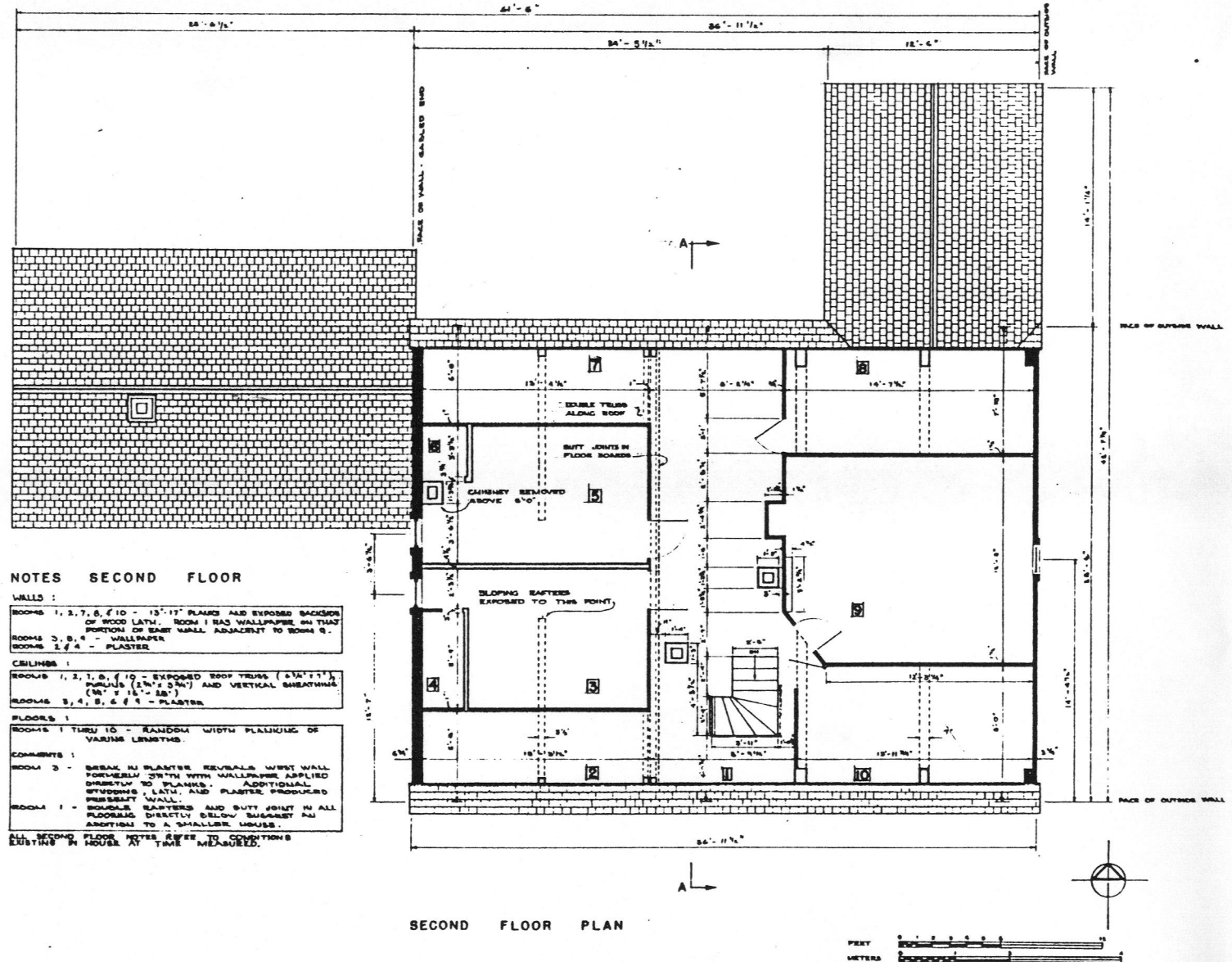
BUS WORMUTH, DEL.		NAME OF STRUCTURE SYLVANUS DOANE HOUSE		SURVEY NO. MASS 712		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY	
CAPE COD SURVEY I, EASTHAM FIELD OFFICE, 1980, FOR EODC		NAUSET ROAD EAST (CAPE COD) MASSACHUSETTS				SHEET 4 OF 8 SHEETS	
CAPE COD N.S. 55-72							

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1400 Nauset Road
Eastham

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET



RICHARD C. MEHRING, DEL.

CAPE COD SURVEY I, EASTHAM
 FIELD OFFICE, 1980, FOR E00C
 UNDER DIRECTION OF UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, BRANCH OF PLANS AND DESIGN

NAME OF STRUCTURE

SYLVANUS DOANE HOUSE
 NAUSET ROAD EASTHAM, (CAPE COD) MASSACHUSETTSSURVEY NO.
 MASS 712HISTORIC AMERICAN
 BUILDINGS SURVEY
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CAPE COD N.S. 33-72



Barn, 1400 Nauset Road (EAS.99)

Massachusetts Historical Commission
Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Community: Eastham
Property Address: 1400 Nauset Road

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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement

Check all that apply:

☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district
☐ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by: Dianne L. Siergiej
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The property at 1400 Nauset Road is significant on a local level with regard to the above-referenced criteria as one of the oldest and best preserved examples of the full Cape Cod house form (double house) in Eastham. It is also significant as having been built by and associated for a long period with members of the Doane family, descendants of John Doane, one of the founders of Nauset (Eastham).

Original yellow form: Eligibility file _____
Copies: Inventory form X _____
Town file(w/corresp.) _____
Macris _____
NR director _____

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Community: Eastham

MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Received: 10/16/95

Date Due:

Date Reviewed: 12/6/95

Type: X Individual

___ District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name:

Inventory Form: EAS.99

Address: 1400 Nauset Road

Requested by: Eastham Historical Commission

Action: X Honor ___ ITC ___ Grant ___ R & C ___ Other:

Agency:

Staff in charge of Review: MR

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

X Eligible
___ Eligible, also in district
___ Eligible only in district
___ Ineligible
___ More information needed

DISTRICTS

___ Eligible
___ Ineligible
___ More information needed

CRITERIA: X A ___ B X C ___ D

LEVEL: X Local ___ State ___ National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by Betsy Friedberg

This mid- to late 18th-century house, built as a half house and later expanded to a full Cape, is architecturally significant as a demonstration of building evolution in Eastham during the colonial and Federal periods. The property is also historically significant for its associations with the Doane family, an early and locally important family. Despite the loss of its chimneys, the building retains integrity and meets Criteria A and C.